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APPLICANT: MIZUTANI, et al. EXAMINER: V. Manoharan

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FOR: PERFORATED TRAY WITHOUT DOWNCOMER,  
PERFORATED TRAY TOWER WITHOUT DOWNCOMER  
AND METHOD OF DISTILLATION

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Please amend the above application as follows.

In the Claims:

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A perforated tray without downcomer provided with a

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